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COMMENTS:

Telephonic Interview – October 25, 2011 at 11:00 am (Eastern)
Application No. 10/749,524

Proposed Agenda for Telephonic Interview:

- Discuss overview of invention
 - Automatically sorts studies into working sets
 - Working set = collection of studies to be reviewed by a clinician as a set; all studies in the working set are ready to be reviewed
 - Subset of studies in working set is automatically selected and transferred to review station while other studies in the working set are held until a physician begins reviewing subset of studies at the review station
- Discuss differences with prior art
 - Rothschild
 - P. 19 of OA states regarding Rothschild: “a set of patient records (working set) includes some files marked ready for delivery (to be reviewed) and some not. Therefore, a collection that is ready for review is within the working set.”

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- Proposed amendment below clarifies that all studies in the working set are ready for review; not just some.
- Regarding the claim language: “delaying transfer of remaining studies in the first working set until clinician review of the subset of studies from the first working set at the review station is detected” – p. 19 of the OA states “this element is found within Rothschild as files not marked for delivery are not sent.”
 - Rothschild does not delay transfer of some studies until clinician review is detected at a review station. Instead, Rothschild discusses not transferring studies for which the route is not valid (see, e.g., ¶ [0260]).
- Eldar
 - Discusses queuing all images for transmission. Therefore, the system intends to send all images and is not delaying transfer of any.
 - While images are being transferred, user may request a particular image in the queue that has not been transferred and that image will be transferred immediately based on the request.
 - Essentially reorders the images being transferred based on a user request during transmission of images.
 - There is no delaying of transfer of images until clinician review is detected as recited in the claims.

- Discuss potential claim amendment to clarify differences

30. (Currently Amended) A computerized method for managing studies transferred from at least one acquisition device to a study process server in order to transfer the studies to at least one review station, the computerized method comprising:

without having previously distributed the studies to a review station:

automatically sorting the studies into a plurality of working sets at the study process server, each working set comprising a collection of studies ready for review by at least one clinician as a set, wherein all studies within each working set are ready for review.

automatically selecting a subset of studies from a first working set to be transferred to a review station, and

automatically transferring the subset of studies from the first working set from the study process server to a review station such that the subset of studies from the first working set is available for review at the review station upon detecting a login, while delaying transfer of remaining studies in the first working set until clinician review of the subset of studies from the first working set at the review station is detected;

after completing transfer of the subset of studies from the first working set to the review station, monitoring the review station for clinician review of the subset of studies from the first working set;

detecting a clinician reviewing the subset of studies from the first working set at the review station; and

populating the review station with additional studies from the first working set ~~upon~~ in response to detecting the clinician reviewing the subset of studies from the first working set at the review station.

Thank you,

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